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TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.

The Transvaal is again threatened with invasion.

Mr. Gladstone will be eighty-seven to-morrow.

F. X. Messner, of Weikerton, has failed for $80,000.

Richard Caarels, a well known Toronto man, is dead.

A Russian fleet has been ordered to Vladivistock.

West Toronto election petitions were abandoned on Saturday.

Several thousand dollars were stolen from mails at New York.

The Cuban question is causing a great deal of discussion in Europe.

Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways and canals, arrived in Winnipeg to-day.

Several miners were killed by an explosion in the Maule coal mine near Princeton, Ind.

The C.P.R. train from the east met with an accident near Lyndal on Saturday. No body hurt.

Fires involving a loss of $350,000 occurred at New York and Wilkesbarrie, Pa., yesterday.

A young man named Norman McLeod was shot, but not seriously injured, at Great Falls.

Boston street car strike was brought to a close Christmas morning by the men returning to work.

Reported that Sir Roderick Comeron has bought Cornucopia mine near Rat Portage for $100,000.

Irish political leaders of all stripes have united in question of better financial arrangements for Ireland.

The filibustering steamer "Three Friends" exchanged shots with a Spanish war vessel off the coast of Cuba.

Alberta Railway and Coal Co. are applying for power to build a road to the boundary line and a branch to Macleod.

The Grand Trunk railway propose to improve Victoria bridge by laying a double track and providing for trolly traffic.

A charter will be asked for at next session of the Dominion parliament for a railway from Winnipeg to York Factory.

TO-DAY'S TRAIN.

One car flour for H. B. Co., two cars sundries for various parties.

LOCAL.

SOUTH EDMONTON agricultural society's ball on New Year's eve.

JAS. A. STOVEL proposes taking a trip to the Kootenay shortly.

PARLIAMENT, it is thought, will be summoned to meet the first week in March.

TRAIN six hours late leaving Calgary. Delay caused by train from west being behind time.

MR. RUTTAN, of the Dominion Lands office, went down to Calgary on last Monday's train.

GEORGE RUSSELL returned from Revelstoke by last train. He proposes going back in the spring.

FRANK OLIVER, M. P., went down to Calgary on Tuesday's train to meet the Hon. Mr. Blair on his way east.

THE Calgary board of trade tendered a banquet to the Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, at Calgary on Christmas evening.

C. A. LOVELAND, who was here last fall prospecting on the river, came in on last train. It is supposed that he is here again on the same mission.

THE ordinance of the Lord's supper was observed in the Presbyterian church yesterday at the morning service. There was a large attendance of members.

THE Kamloops Sentinel comes to hand printed on toned paper. The typographical appearance of the Sentinel is excellent and its reading matter is of the best class.

THE Presbyterian Sunday School of South Edmonton gave their annual Christmas tree in the church last Thursday evening. A good attendance and a pleasant evening, especially for the children, was spent.

PECK ROWLAND returned from Revelstoke, B. C., on Thursday's train. He says business is still brisk in the Kootenay. He also reports having seen Andy Grierson and John Cameron jr., they having got employment there.

THE members of the Edmonton Presbyterian church choir presented Mrs. D. G. McQueen with a lovely oak lady's secretary as a Christmas present. It is a slight token of gratitude for her kindness and sympathy towards the choir on numerous occasions.

THE Presbyterian Sunday School will hold their annual entertainment, which will consist of a drive for the children and a programme of games, etc. in Roberson hall, to-morrow afternoon and evening. If the day is fine the children will meet at the hall at 2. p.m. where conveyances will be furnished to take the children for a drive. After the drive games will be indulged in and refreshments served.

THERE was service in the English church at 11 a. m. on Christmas. The church was nicely decorated with evergreens for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Fetter led the preliminary part of the service and the Rev. Canon Newton preached a very interesting sermon. The hymns were special Christmas hymns and were very pleasing and impressive. After the service holy communion was celebrated.

THE musical portion of the service in the Presbyterian church yesterday was almost entirely commemorative of Christmas. The choir rendered the music extremely well and shows careful training and close attention at practice. There is, however, room for criticism, but as such is caused by lack of material in parts and as all parts sang their best, any criticism would be unfair. When the choir is better balanced it will take its stand among the best. The hope is expressed that the members of the choir will continue together during the coming year and also continue placing before the public the high class music that they have rendered during the past twelve months. The anthem in the morning was Sir John Goss' "Behold I bring you good tidings," and in the evening Tours' "Sing, Oh Heavens."

MASONIC "At Home" to-night in Houiston's hall.

F. MARRIAGGI is leaving for the Kootenay on to-morrow's train.

C. M. WOODWORTH, barrister, leaves for the Kootenay on Friday's train.

F. O'BRIEN, clerk in Senator Lougheed's law office, Calgary, came up on Thursdays train.

REV. ALEX. FORBES will give a production of limelight views in Belmont school to-night.

F. M. ROBERTSON is buying oats for T. W. Lines and storing them in the old Columbia house.

THE Baptist Sunday school are going to have an entertainment on Wednesday evening for the children.

JOHN OWENS, of Pine Creek, Alberta, took a car load of young cattle south with him on Friday's train.

THE BULLETIN has received a handsome calender from the Queen Insurance Co. Geo. T. Bragg is the agent here.

E. J. BANGS, of Calgary, formerly of Edmonton, who was here on a business trip, returned to Calgary on Tuesday's train.

THERE will be an entertainment in the Horse Hill school to-morrow night at which Rev. A. Forbes will give a production of limelight views.

WE heard some pleasing strains of music from the South Edmonton brass band as they were serenading a number of the prominent citizens of South Edmonton on Christmas.

THE St. George's society smoking concert will be given in the Jasper house to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. A splendid programme is being prepared and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

FORBES GROAT, who went out with Mike Carlin to the lumber woods some time ago, returned by last train. He along with Dan Brown are going back again in the course of a week or so.

A SNEAK thief entered Lord Aberdeen's private car at Winnipeg and stole among other articles his excellency's fur cap. The thief was arrested.

MRS. T. B. FOLLIOTT left on Tuesday's train for Calgary where she will stop for a short time before going to the Kootenay to join her husband who is residing in Sandon.

JAMES WALSH has purchased $70 worth of fur in small lots, and W. B. Stennett about $50 during the past week. The Hudson's Bay Co. has also purchased a few small lots.

THE Methodist Sunday school hold their annual festivity to-morrow, Tuesday. A drive, leaving the church at 2 o'clock p. m. will form part of the enjoyment and on return, tea will be served between five and six o'clock.

THE La Cigale company with a number added to their ranks propose giving a production of the play entitled the "Wedding March," sometime in January. Mr. de Journel has spent considerable time in writing some special music for the occasion.

MIDNIGHT mass at the cathedral, St. Albert, was attended by a large crowd. Bishop Grandin was the celebraut. The sermon was preached in English by Rev. Begouwit. After the second mass of thanksgiving the Bishop gave, by special induet from his holiness, the papal benediction.

PIERE HAMELIN, an Indian from LaRue & Picard's trading post at Lesser Slave lake, came in with dog train on Christmas evening. He left on the 15th inst. and was just ten days making the trip. B. B. Laraviere is very sick at the post and Hamelin came in to get medicine for him. He reports a good catch of fur at the lake but states that there is very little snow in the north. He brought in a trained dog for S. LaRue with him.

INSP. ROUTLEDGE arrived from Maple Creek on last train. He is taking a patrol north with him for the purpose of finding out the requirements of the people as to mounted police being stationed in different parts. For this purpose there were three dog trains secured, two being sent from Prince Albert and one purchased here. Staff-Sergt. Heatherington and Peter Luted left here with Insp. Routledge on Saturday for Fort Saskatchewan where they will remain a few days before going north.

THERE was a very large attendance at the Christmas tree entertainment given in the Sunny Side school house on Christmas eve. A programme of nineteen pieces consisting of songs, instrumental quartettes, tableaus, recitations, etc. was rendered after which the numerous presents on the tree were destributed to the children and refreshments were served. The entertainment was gotten up by Miss Maggie Young, the teacher, and Miss Peters, to whom the success of it is due.

YESTERDAY'S services in the Methodist church were attended by large congregations. At the evening service the pastor presented many suggestive thoughts from Psalm cxix-59. The necessity and advantages of reviewing life, and turning one's feet more fully unto the testimonies of God were emphasized with good effect. The congregation joined heartily with the choir in the musical portions of the service, which comprised selections from the psalms. Rev. Isaac Watts, Rev. Philip Doddridge, and Rev. Charles Wesley.

MIDNIGHT mass at St. Joachim's church was well attended, every available seat being filled and a large number were compelled to stand during the service. The service was opened with the Christmas hymn, "Menuit Chretiens," J. G. Fairbanks singing the solo, which was very nicely rendered. Father Leduc preached the sermon, speaking in French, English and Cree. The mass was then celebrated as follows: Kyrie, by the choir; six-toned mass harmonized; Gloria and Credo; Adestes Fideles, A. G. Randall singing the solo, and was rendered in his usual masterly style; Sanctus Agnus Dei; Dans Une Etable, Mr. Bilodeau taking the solo, which was pleasingly rendered. Communion was then observed, Father Le Merchand celebrating after which the Hymn to the Pope was rendered by the choir, accompanied by P. L. McNamara on the violin, R. Duplessis on the bass violin. The choral part of the service was very pleasing and reflects much credit on the leader, Mr. Beck, for the very creditable way in which it was rendered.

FRIDAY'S TRAIN.

1 car grain, Vancouver B.C.
1 car grain, Enderly.
1 car cattle, Calgary.
1 way car.

CURLING.

Schedule games played on Christmas day:

Shera,	19	McKay,	3
Lauder.	11	Emery,	4

The result of the president's button points competition are as follows, played on the 26th.

Raymer winner of gold button with 25 points. Alex. Taylor winner of silver button with 24 points. Jas. McDonald and H. H. Robertson were a tie for the bronze button with 23 points each.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

Notice is herby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company for an Act extending the time limited for the completion of the unconstructed portions of its railway, and to change the Head Office of the Company from the City of Montreal to the City of Toronto, and for other purposes.

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NOTICE!

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Edmonton Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Association (Ltd) will be held in the Town Hall, Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1897, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

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THE BIG BEND.

The following interview which appeared in a Toronto paper is of interest as relating to the country which lies much nearer to Edmonton than the Kootenay and at the same time is accessible from the railway. Canoe river is on the Mackenzie route through the Jasper Pass:

"Downie creek is the southern fringe of that famous Big Bend mining country, a section of the province which in the early sixties yielded immense quantities of gold. These were the days of placer diggings. At present tributary to Downie Creek a large number of prospects are being developed, whilst the district is being more or less prospected. Downie Creek is about 40 miles north of Revelstoke and is a good-sized stream for a distance of 50 or 60 miles inland, or eastward from the Columbia. Then northward for a great distance, there are numerous valleys and creeks entering the Columbia, all of which flow through mineral deposits, as they carry color of gold. The same character of country exists beyond the bend of the Columbia river. I have ascended the Canoe river, which has its headwaters in Cariboo, near the Fraser river, for a distance of 50 miles, and there, too, I found the characteristics of the country and its mineral outcroppings the same as in the southern, or Big Bend, district of the province. From reliable prospectors who have lived in the country for years and who have traversed much of the territory along the Canoe river, I am confident that exceedingly rich deposits will yet be found throughout the vast area which lies in the northeasterly section of the Lillooet and in southeasterly Cariboo. The great lack there, as in many other parts of the province, are trails and roads to enable packers to reach the various camps with supplies and provisions for the sturdy and intrepid miners, who are far remote from civilization and the enjoyment of comforts which are to be obtained elsewhere, and largely at their expense. From what I have seen of Kootenay, and I have been all over it, the formation in the north and along Canoe river is of the same nature as is that at Rossland and in the Trail Creek country, and the results of prospecting and development will demonstrate the correctness of my conclusions. Here are to be found diorite slate and porphyry with dykes of grantic cutting through the formations, such as are to be found in all great mining sections throughout the world. I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that with fairly good transportation advantages the Big Bend mining country would rival that of any other section I know of anywhere. The existence of the precious metals there does not admit of a doubt, but there it is bound to remain as it will cost more to get it out, as conditions now are, than it is worth. Once let there be such improvements made in the river above and below what is known as Death Rapids by the building of a good wagon road from the landing at La Porte, on the south, to the landing place on the north, or upper, side of these rapids, a distance of eight miles, and there the world will witness a boom in mining matter in the North Bend country which will be simply marvelous. But my impression is that a railway is what is wanted. It will cost an enormous amount of money to overcome many of the obstacles to navigation—more, in fact than the federal government would be willing to spend. Whereas a railway can be built and operated the year round at a moderate cost and with profitable results."

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

The Winnipeg Commercial states that there has not been any very sharp changes in wheat last week. On Monday a pretty sharp advance was made, but the general tendency was downward during the four following days. There were reports of crop damage news from Argentine. There has been considerable selling during the week, and we cannot look for a revival of active speculation until after the holidays. Stocks continue to decrease, stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, showing another decline this week of over 2,000,000 bushels, making the total 54,284,000 bushels, compared with 66,834,000 bushels a year ago, 88,172,000 bushels two years, ago, 80,128,000 bushels three years ago, and 75,580,000 bushels four years ago. Exports of wheat flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, this week amount to 3,524,826 bushels as compared with 4,222,000 bushels last week, 2,560,000 bushels corresponding week one year ago, 2,554,000 bushels, one week two years ago, 2,605,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 4,247,000 bushels in the like week of 1892.

The Winnipeg street prices are 68c to farmers for No. 1 hard.

CANADIAN BACON IN ENGLAND.

The superiority of Canadian bacon over American brands may be inferred from the fact that the latter will not bring within 5c to 7c per cwt, of the former in the English market, and as a high class bacon Canadian is rapidly coming to the fore in competition with Irish and Danish brands. In proof of the increased demand for Canadian bacon in England, it may be stated that the imports of this article into that country during the past ten months amounted to 879,232 cwt., against 219,503 cwt. for the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 159,729 cwt. The decline in prices on the other side has been supplanted by a much better market, cable advices reporting new business at 5c to 6c per cwt. advance. A few weeks ago it sold as low as 33s, while at the beginning of the present week it was placed in Liverpool at 38s and 39s. American bacon, however, was quoted at 27s 6d to 30s 6d, at the same time. Now that Canadian bacon is beginning to make a name for itself in the markets of Great Britain, through the protection afforded our farmers in raising the right kind of hogs in place of American hogs before the duty thereon came into force, it is to be hoped that the present government will not make any changes in the present duty, which is absolutely essential if the interests of Canadian farmers and manufacturers are to be protected, and also our new export trade in hog products is to be maintained.

THE DEAF AND DUMB IN THE TERRITORIES.

The following from the Free Press, is worthy of the consideration of Northwest readers:

"The Silent Echo, a small sheet published at the Deaf and Dumb institute in this city, makes an appeal to the Dominion authorities not to delay action upon a proposal made them some time ago, which had for its object the receiving of deaf mutes from the Territories by the Manitoba institution. It appears that in the present state of the Territorial finances there is no prospect of erecting a building there, but the Lieut.-governor and the council have recommended that a five years arrangement be made by Manitoba for receiving pupils from the Territories. Favorable consideration has been promised, but the matter must now be gone in to afresh with the new Dominion cabinet; and it is feared that further delay is to be looked for.

"If the Manitoba government is willing to take deaf and dumb pupils from the Territories on the terms proposed, there is no real cause for delay; and as some additions must be made to its present accommodations if an agreement is entered into, there is decided reason for prompt action, if there are no real objections to be considered. It is one of those matters that the new minister of the interior might with advantage take up at an early date. His knowledge of the situation, gained from his previous position, will enable him to do this; and his determination expressed the other day, not to allow business in his new department to be pigeon-holed, may be expected to find an illustration in his dealing with the matter.

"There are about thirty deaf and dumb children in the Territories, of whom about twenty are of school age, but unable from poverty to obtain instruction in any form. They are a class of children who appeal to the sympathies of the community; and it is to be hoped that before long provision may be made for their reception here until the Territories are able to open an institution of their own."

CROW'S NEST PASS.

While there has been a strong feeling in favor of a railway into the Kootenay country, via Crow's Nest Pass, there is also an agitation in British Columbia coast cities for a direct line of railway into the Kootenay country. The arguments which have been used in favor of the construction of a road through the Crow's Nest Pass into the Kootenay region, can with some modifications be made to apply in favor of a road from the coast into the Kootenay. The British Columbia people have perhaps quite as good reason to claim government assistance for a road opening up the Kootenay country by a line from the coast, as we on this side of the mountains have to claim assistance for a road via the Crow's Nest Pass. The matter will doubtless resolve itself into the question as to which road would be the greatest advantage to Kootenay region itself. A road through the Crow's Nest Pass would no doubt ultimately be extended to the coast,

The department of the interior has prepared an official statement of immigrants arriving in Canada for the past season. There were in all, 21,341, compared with 21,338 for the year previous. The number of those who settled in the Dominion or announced their intention of remaining was 4,127, and last year 16,019. Those en route to the United States numbered 7,124 and last year 5,319. The number of those who announced there destination to be Manitoba and the Territories or British Columbia was 5,120 against 4,603 last season.

IMMIGRATION AND SMALL-POX.

Winnipeg Tribune on smallpox outbreak in Winnipeg of some years ago: It was bad enough to have smallpox dumped upon us and to force us to all the trouble and worry of establishing and maintaining a quarantine, without compelling us to bear the expense of the same.

But the phase of the question which brings chagrin and humiliation to us is the fact that the so called immigrants who cost us so much money, were all destined for the United States and were merely passing through our country. And to demonstrate the colossal —and criminal—mismanagement of the immigration department, it has only to be added that on every one that came the government paid $5 a head out of the public funds, the money going to the steamship agents, who with such a bait before them, would induce intending immigrants to United States, to go by the Canadian route in order that they (the agents) might capture the commission. What a farce has our so-called immigration policy been in the past! If the curtain were only to be drawn aside and the doings of the late government fully exposed the public would marvel that anything remains of the country worth saving. Indeed the Dominion possesses great vitality to have stood all it has.

United Canada, a Catholic paper, thus discusses the school settlement: "Those who are in arrogant insolence and surprising ignorance maintain that the Pope will condemn the terms of the school agreement entered into by the government of Canada and Manitoba, overlooked two facts of significance: (1) That the Holy See never seeks or provokes quarrels with civil governments (witness its attitude on the Belgian school question twelve years ago), and (2) that the Holy Father gave indirect approval to the famous Faribault plan of Archbishop Ireland, which secured for Catholics nothing save religious instruction after school hours. In the city of Windsor, Ont., with a large Catholic population, all the schools are under the control of the public school board. The majority of that board is Protestant. It treats the Catholics with every just consideration. In New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Ontario Catholics express themselves gratified at the fairness of Protestants in school matters. Is there any reason why the same may not in a few years be said of the majority of the people of Manitoba? None that we can see."

There is no use

putting it off any longer as there will be nothing gained by it. If you need any goods of any description now is the time to buy them, and the only question to consider is, where are you going to buy them, where can you do the best and be sure of getting the best value for your money. . . .

This is both a wise and important matter to consider whether times are good or bad. In the opinion of a large number of the most prosperous people in the country, who are the shrewdest and most careful of buyers, McDOUGALL'S is the place the year round, in any kind of times, and no matter what is the size of your purse. No purchasers too small or none too large. One and all receive the very best of values, and they all come back for more.

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CONSEQUENTLY we offer you the best value for your money and have the very class of goods you require. Suitable for the country, suitable for the season, and suitable to the taste and means of an intelligent public, for whom the best is never too good.

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AND A

Happy New Year

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This will probably be the initial appearance of the new orchestra composed as follows: Mrs. E. St. Jean, pianist: Prof. Beaver, 1st violin; Staff-Sergt. Watson, 2nd violin; Rev. G. C. d'Easum, cello; Const. Hanis, flute; Const. Aspinall, trombone; Const. Burke, 2nd cornet; leader and 1st cornet, Const Clarke.

The Fort Saskatchewan public school hold their annual entertainment and Christmas tree in the school house on Dec. 31st inst., New Year's eve. The programme which is being arranged by the friends of the children will consist of a cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Palace." Songs, recitations, and selections by the choir of the English church under the conductorship of Rev. G. C. d'Easum, will make a good night's amusement. The Christmas tree with presents for each scholar, will also form a pleasing addition, the expense of which will be borne by the sale of tickets.

It is reported that our local mill will be buying grain soon after New Year's. We hope the report is true as it makes a big difference, not only on the hauling of the grain, but the prices, as the Edmonton mills drop the price as soon as the big mill here stops buying.

PIONEER EXPLORERS.

In the current issue of the Canadian Magazine His Honor Lieut-Governor Mackintosh contributes an article on "Our Western Explorers," in which he says: "It was ordained, however, that Alexander Mackenzie should become the central figure of an epoch in western annals, rendering services to civilization far in advance of any interior explorer. He brought a new world into existence; opened a new field; inspired a school of hardy enthusiasts; and ere passing to his long home, realized in a spirit of humility, yet with justifiable pride, that he had accomplished something worthy, something beneficial, something ennobling, something entitling him to the love and respect of future generations. His is the story of a great man's triumph over obstacles seemingly unsurmountable, the chronicle of events pregnant with vital consequences to the British empire; for to-day the Dominion of Canada exercises sovereignty over the greater part of the American continent; two oceans are connected by links of steel, while Great Britain controls the shortest and safest route to her possessions in the East. One intrepid spirit, inspiring those whom he directed, accomplished marvellous work, achieving a splendid victory over the combined forces of nature. Hence to chronicle the historic journey, with all its graphic incidents; to paint the pictures of brave men struggling to assert man's supremacy; to describe hair-breadth escapes from flood, hand-to hand encounters with vindictive savages, is not the design of this brief record; suffice to know that perils were successfully encountered, difficulties grappled with and overcome. Across snow-packed, tree strewn gorges; over widely-gaping crevises; through swollen streams and cataracts, roaring above rocky beds; through canyons, where human life had never before pulsated; beneath crashing boulders, and along ledges seemingly suspended in mid air; forcing a pathway through trackless mazes of dense forests, these crusaders accomplished that which entitles them to the love, the reverence, the admiration of all generations.

There is more to be done now that the clouds are rolling away, lethargic indifference disappearing before a suddenly awakened sense of national duty. Let a mighty shaft erected on the rugged cliffs of Cape Breton, proclaim that not alone the Royal Society of Canada, but every subject of Her Majesty throughout the Dominion, be he English, French or German, appreciates the splendid heritage bequeathed by the British explorer. This being accomplished, what of Alexander Mackenzie? What of Simon Fraser? What of David Thompson? Have we no Canadian artists? Have we no Canadian sentiment? We have both—each awaiting the appeal. To begin with, no more appropriate painting could be suggested than that Sir Alexander Mackenzie, after a marvellous overland journey, completed on the 22nd of July, 1793, stamping the impress of his personality and the sovereignty of his country upon the coast of what is now British Columbia. True, the mountains will forever be monuments commemorative of heroes like Mackenzie, Fraser and Thompson; the cloud-capped peaks proclaim their prowess; the rushing waters sound paeans of praise, for wherever mighty nature, asserting herself,

> Sits alone,
> Majestic on her craggy throne,

the record of these men will be found. But Canada should do justice to their memories. True to their generation, have generations been true to them? They renounced station, ease, affluence; yet, to-day, none so poor as to do them reverence; none so rich as to be willing to perpetuate throughout the ages the memory of their chivalrous achievements."

REGINA RESOLUTION.

At a public meeting held recently in Regina the following resolution was proposed by G. W. Brown, seconded by D. Mowat.

That whereas we consider that the rates charged by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. are excessive and discriminating and that the development and success of the Northwest Territories are thereby very seriously retarded, therefore, be it resolved that the parliament of Canada be memorialized to enquire into the rates charged by the said company, and also to ascertain the actual amount of money invested in the said railway, and the earnings upon the capital invested, with a view to enforcing the stipulation of the contract with the said company for the regulation by the government of rates upon freight and passenger traffic.

Mr. Brown said that in his opinion it would be better to have the Crow's Nest railway remain unbuilt than to place it in the hands of the C. P. R. to have the people taxed by it as the main line taxes them.

Mr. Mowat said it was patent that the money Canada had given the company was not being used for the benefit of Canadians. It had made some millionaires, and the balance of it was being used to give cheap rates to Americans from Coast to Coast; and the people of Western Canada were made to pay the difference between those cheap rates and fair rates. In other words what was lost on the through traffic of the Americans, was taken from Manitoba, the Territories and the interior of British Columbia.

AFTER KOOTENAY'S TRADE.

Vancouver World: Now that the Columbia & Red Mountain railway is practically completed and a standard-gauge all-rail route provided from Vanconver, New Westminister and the Sound cities to Rossland, by way of Spokane, there is considerable speculation as to the bearing that will be had upon trade with the places just named. It is contended that there will be no delays in reaching the metropolis of Kootenay either for passengers, freight or mails, as has been experienced in the past, since, from all accounts, the weather is not as severe there as it is in other sections of the Rocky Mountain range. President Corbin has stated that he is not afraid of either a heavy snow-fall or other kindred obstructions incident to our winter season, and which frequently prove to be inimical to railway traffic. Through consignment of goods are now being accepted and contracted for at Seattle, Tacoma and Portland without breaking bulk This announcement, we observe, has been made on the Sound and elsewhere. With the changes in trade that the altered condition is certain to bring about, a determined effort is to be made by the wholesale establishments of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland to secure a portion, at least, of the trade of Trail Rossland, Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon and other available interior centres, so that a lively competition between the jobbing houses on the American side of the boundary may be looked for.

SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Patron and Co-operator, Owen Sound, Ont., says: "It is pleasing to note the settlement of the Manitoba school question, which we believe will be accepted by all parties, excepting perhaps the higher clergy of the Roman Catholic church of Quebec. The people of all classes in Ontario will accept it. Unquestionably they are tired of the agitation which has arisen over the question, and are rejoiced that a peaceable solution has been found. It has been quite clear that Manitoba never would be coerced. 'Britons never will be slaves.' We think it the duty of all good citizens to accept the settlement and aid by their moral influence in securing the best results from the new order of education in Manitaba, and it is to be hoped that the terms of the settlement will be carried out in good faith. While we believe that nothing more than a secular education should be furnished by the state, yet there can be no valid reason why the Catholic or Protestant clergy may not instruct the children of their respective faith in the school houses where desired by the parents. It is only fair to Catholics that where there are over a certain number of Catholic children attending school, that a Catholic teacher should be employed."

QUITE RIGHT.

In his speach at the Winnipeg banquet the new minister of interior said: He had by this study come to the conclusion that the whole question of immigration had to be studied a new from top to bottom and a radical change made. He would just point out that in the last ten years as many farmers had gone out of Manitoba as had come into it. (Hear, hear.) They had gone away and no adequate study being made of the cause, the country lost settlers of the most desirable class, and was not in a position to say how best to keep what remained. The first thing then to be done was to find out what was necessary to make the farmers prosperous and contented here. (Hear, hear.) After this had been done, the next step was to endeavor to find out what was necessary to bring people here.

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JAMES MOWAT. 9th Dec. 1896. Otter Creek Ranch. 13-18

ESTRAY.

Came to my premises in September last one bay mare with star on forehead, white on left hind foot about six inches long; weight, about 1200 pounds. No brand.

P. AUVE, Morinville. 15 20

ESTRAY.

Came to my premises, St. Albert settlement, early in summer of 1896, a black mare, white strip on face, no brand visible.

OCTAVE BELLROSE, St. Albert. 12-17

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Came to the premises of the subscriber, Sec. 16-52-23, about one month ago, two yearling steers, no brands visible. Also one two-year-old red heifer. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take away.

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CHRISTMAS TREE.

The annual Christmas tree of All Saints' church Sunday school was held in Robertson Hall on Christmas eve, and proved in every way a great success. The children had tea and played games up to 7 o'clock, when D. Wilson addressed them.

A programme of twenty pieces by the children consisting of songs, duets, recitations, etc., was then rendered and much enjoyed, after which Rev. Cannon Newton gave a short address to the children. The curtain was then raised and Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. L. Foote, distributed the presents, each child getting a present, bag of candies, crackers and an orange. The following prizes were given: 1st prize, attendance in Sunday school and church, W. Bragg and C. Matheson equal; 2nd, attendance in Sunday school, Harry Bragg; 2nd, attendance in church, Maggie Groat; 3rd, attendance in Sunday school and church, May Matheson; 1st prize for lessons in Mrs. Lay's class, Willie Bragg; 1st prize for lessons in Miss Matheson's class, Harry Bragg. Prize to Keith Taylor for pumping organ in Sunday school. Mr. Petter then addressed the children and the proceedings was brought to a close.

The Sunday school teachers wish to thank the congregation for helping them with the tree and Miss Martin, Miss Stuart, Mrs. Bown, Mrs. Braithwaite, Mr. Foote and Dr. Wilson for helping to amuse the children during the evening.

HOCKEY.

The hockey match played here on Christmas day between the Police team of Fort Saskatchewan, and the Thistle team of Edmonton was well contested. The teams lined up at 3 p. m., and the puck faced off, and right from the start, both teams played hard. At the beginning the police boys made a strong rush towards their opponent's goal carrying the puck with them and for a moment it was thought they had the game their own way, but the Thistles played up and from that on, until half time kept the Police goal constantly in danger. During the first half of the game, while in a skirmish Cartier got his nose sligtly peeled and time was called for a minute to repair the brake after which the game went on and up to half time no goals were scored. The second half of the game was more evenly played and it was very hard to tell what the result would be, both teams doing some very good play. About two minutes before time was up there was a false alarm given that time was up, but the time keeper declared two minutes more to play. The captains met, and as there were no goals made they decided to play ten minutes more. The boys then lined up again, each team with a determination to win. At the end of about six minutes play the Police team made a bold rush with the puck on the Thistle's goal, the puck going in front of the goal and by some misplay the goal keeper (Aldridge) pulled it through the goal scoring one goal in favor of the Police. The Edmonton boys played hard the remaining part of the game to score and made several excellent shots, but could not succeed before time was called, leaving the Police victorious by one goal to nothing. For the Edmonton team Cartier played an excellent game and deserves special mention. Mr. S. A. Kelly acted as referee to the satisfaction of both teams. This is the first match of the season and the defeat to the boys may do them good as it will enthuse them to do more vigorous practice.

The following are the boys who composed the two teams: Police—Butler, goal; Brown, point; Jarvis, right cover point; Harding, left cover point; Blythe, Dyer and Burke, forwards. Thistles—Aldridge, goal; Cartier, point; Graham, right cover point; Dr. Harrison, left cover point; Henry, Griesbach and Hardisty, forwards.

The match between the Shamrocks and Capitals, of South Edmonton, which was played in South Edmonton rink on Christmas day, resulted in a victory for the Capitals by three to two; the capitals, however, playing ten men against their opponents seven. the match was very lively and much enjoyed by the spectators.

The match between the Police team and the Shamrocks which was played in South Edmonton on Saturday resulted, four goals to nothing in favor of the Shamrocks. The Shamrocks played a very nice pass game and as they are all good skaters had the advantage of the Police team. The Police boys played hard and done some good passing, but the Shamrocks were to quick for them. Arthur McLean acted as referee. There was quite a large number of spectators assembled to see the match and done lots of cheering especially when the Shamrocks made a good play. The following are the ones who composed the South Edmonton team: Thistles—J. Jackson, goal; W. H. McMahon, point; Fred Richards, right cover point; W. McLaren, left cover point; W. Jackson, J. T. McLaren and J. Blain, forwards.

The next match will be played between the Thistles, of Edmonton, and the Shamrocks, of South Edmonton, on the Shamrock rink on New Year's day. We trust that our boys will do some hard practicing from now until then.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Salvation army Christmas tree was displayed in the barracks on Xmas evening. The barracks was very nicely decorated with evergreens and Chinese lanterns. The tree was loaded down with good things for the little folks, and was distributed by Jas. H. Kelly, who acted as Santa Clause. Just as the programme was concluded there was a rattling of bells in the attic and soon Santa Claus made his appearance through a hole in the ceiling being let down by a rope. He was very appropriately dressed as Santa Claus and his appearance on the scene made the children very joyous. The following programme was rendered, George Tate acting as chairman. Opening song, "Hark the herald angels sing"; prayer; second song, "Christ has come"; recitation, "Beware," by May Lyons; song, "My sins rose high as the mountains"; dialogue, "Honesty the best policy" by four little boys; recitation, Annie Lyons; solo, Emma McDonald; dialogue, "The little mimmicks," Kattie McDonald and Agnes McCallum; recitation, Gordon Kelly; Duet, Edna Goodridge and Clara Lauder; recitation, Ethel Kelly; dialogue, "Little gossips," six little girls; song, "Over me it is flowing"; recitation, Miss Maud Lander; dialogue, Gordon and Ethel Kelly; recitation, Gordon Kelly; duet, Edith and Betsy Fraser; recitation, Mary McCauley.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

In the province of Quebec there has been spent out of the public resources the sum of $34,403,000 for railways, that is, in aid of their construction. This is since 1867, and is exclusive of the Intercolonial railway, which was a government undertaking entirely. The provincial treasury has contributed $24,444,000. The Dominion government, $5,635,000, and the municipalities, $4,323,000. In addition to the money so far expended by the Provincial government there are accruing liabilities for works entered upon which will bring the total expenditure up to $27,000,000, and it is by no means certain that the end will then be reached. These railroads are, of course, started to benefit the people, and, no doubt, the people are benefitted. On the other hand, in order to pay the interest on the burden thus created, the industry of the Province is severely taxed. The Montreal Gazette in some observations on the subject, says that in some sections there appear to be more railroads than there is traffic to provide earnings for them. The total railway mileage of Quebec is 3,245, and of this number 2,670 miles have been built since 1867.

The death of Maceo, the Cuban patriot, may after all be of even greater benefit to the cause which he espoused than the brilliant exploits of his life. If, as it is said, he was murdered while under the protection of a flag of truce, the result may be more serious for Spain than for Cuba. There is at present a pronounced feeling of hostility in the United States against Spain, and it is not at all impossible that the news of the details of Maceo's death may bring the situation to a climax, and cause war between Spain and the United States. Even now filibustering expeditions are being enrolled for service in Cuba. Maceo's death may bring disgrace and defeat on Spain.

BIRTHS.

HULBERT—At South Edmonton, on Wednesday, December 16th, 1896, the wife of Ralph Hulbert, of a son.

MCNULTY—At South Edmonton, on Sunday, December 20th, 1896, the wife of J. S. McNulty, of a daughter.

HARDISTY—At Edmonton on Dec. 25th, the wife of R. G. Hardisty, of a son.

MCCORMICK—At Edmonton on Dec. 27th, the wife of M. A. McCormick of a daughter.

DEATHS.

TOCHOSKI—At the hospital, Edmonton, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, Carolo Tochoski, aged 11 years.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following temperatures are reported from the Dominion government observatory, Edmonton, for the dates given:

December.

		Max.	Min.
Thursday	24,	34	
Friday,	25,	34	15
Saturday,	26,	31	20
Sunday,	27,	37	17
Monday,	28,		26

Barometer reduced to sea level 29,736.

The drift of population in Ontario is still from the land to the towns and cities. Ten years ago the city population was 319,634. Now it is 416,215. During the same period the population of the townships has been reduced from 1,148,856 to 1,109,631, while the population of towns and villages has grown from 360,005 to 419,545. The chief growth in Ontario, as in all other countries, is in the city population, and the assertion that young folks would rather starve in the city than live in comfort on the farm seems to be as true of the people of Ontario as of others.

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JAMES MOWAT.
Otter Creek Ranch.
13 18 7th Dec. 1896.

ESTRAY.

Came to my premises in September last one bay mare with star on forehead, white on left hind foot about six inches long; weight, about 1200 pounds. No brand.

P. AUVE, Morinville.
15 20

ESTRAY.

Came to my premises, St. Albert settlement, early in summer of 1896, a black mare, white strip on face, no brand visible.

OCTAVE BELLROSE, St. Albert.
12-17

Came to my premises, Sec. 28 56 26, Egg lake settlement, early in spring of 1896, a bay colt, year and a half old, white spot on forehead. No brand. Clydesdale stock.

P. MARICHAL,
Morinville P. O.
12-17

ESTRAY.

Came to the premises of the subscriber, Sec. 16-52-25, about one month ago, two yearling steers, no brands visible. Also one two-year-old red heifer. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take away.

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11-16

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